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**From:** John B. [a2g2@kmtel.com]  
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Toastmaster: Sheri French  
Table Topics: Bill Sanborn  
Table Topic Speakers: Jan McNallan, Jim McKeon, Darlene Highet  
Speakers: Ron Flemke, Harold Norman, Horst Truestedt  
Master Evaluator: Diane Weggen  
Evaluators: Mary Andrist, John Bishop, Ruth Phelps

Table Topics:  
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Jan was asked to tell us about a "fantastic" or "flop" Thanksgiving dinner she prepared. You can imagine what she had to say...her first Thanksgiving dinner stuck out in her mind. She prepared her first Thanksgiving for 35 people all all her worry was for naught. The dinner turned out great.

Jim was asked to describe the first Thanksgiving dinner he could remember. One thing we learned is the Jim will never have Torsk again! Can you believe it? A first here, no cars mentioned in this table topic! I'm with you Jim. I can't eat that white shakey jello.

Darlene was asked if one Thanksgiving stood out from the rest (or something like that). She described her first Thanksgiving after she was married which took place in Fort Hood, Texas. She made turkey, dressing and all the trimmings for her first family gathering.

I messed up here and didn't write down who won table topics. Maybe it was because I wanted them to all be the winner!

Speakers:  
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Ron won Best Speaker with his "Rainbow Crow" speech from the Advanced Story Telling manual. This was a Native American story about Rainbow Crow who brought fire back to earth to "uncreate" the snow and save all the creatures of the forest. What a great story and an excellent job of telling it!

Harold gave us a manual speech - "Is it Carving or Whittling". He made excellent use of props to tell us about a community ed class he took on wood carving. This man is talented beyond speaking!

Horst gave us another trip story titled "A Needle in a Haystack". I thoroughly enjoyed Horst's story which was about a trip he took and the details of trying to find Mom in a small Czechoslovakian town. Horst helped me fulfill my daily quest of learning something new every day. I learned that a "coor" (spelling?) is a spa. Thanks Horst!

Ruth Phelps won Best Evaluator.

It was great to see Diane at the meeting! See you all at our next meeting on December 2nd.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Secretary/Treasurer